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Content Notice

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Resources are available if you or someone you know needs support for any reason.

For the National Sexual Assault Hotline, call 800-656-HOPE (4673) or go to <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

For the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call or text 988, or go to <https://chat.988lifeline.org/>

For the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline, call 1-800-662-4357

For crisis treatment in New Mexico: <https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/crisis/>

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests resources: https://www.snapnetwork.org/resources_for_survivors

To report abuse:

- <https://archdiosf.org/report-abuse>
- <https://www.reportbishopabuse.org/>

To report child abuse:

- <https://www.childhelpline.org/>

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

United States Bankruptcy Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, a New Mexico
corporation sole,

Debtor.

Chapter 11
Case No. 18-13027-t11

CORRECTED SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM

This form has been corrected solely with respect to the address for hand delivery.

IMPORTANT:

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
June 17, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING MOUNTAIN TIME)**

Carefully read Notice and Instructions that are included with this **CONFIDENTIAL PROOF OF CLAIM** and complete all applicable questions. Send together with one copy to: Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico at the following address: Office of the Clerk of Court-ATTN SEALED DOCUMENTS, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you prefer to hand deliver the completed Confidential Proof of Claim form to the Clerk, the physical address for hand delivery is Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM.

If you mail or deliver the Confidential Proof of Claim form it must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time) on June 17, 2019.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

AND YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS BY CALLING TOLL FREE AT 888-570-6217.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN YOUR INABILITY TO VOTE ON A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE (THE "ARCHDIOCESE").

UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE IN PART 1 BELOW, YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, UNDER SEAL, AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. HOWEVER, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED

PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS AND TO SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DETERMINES NEED THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CLAIM.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM IS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANTS ONLY.

For the purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claim** is defined as any Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Archdiocese resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, or intimidation, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Archdiocese or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the Archdiocese is or was allegedly responsible.

For Purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claimant** is defined as the person asserting a Sexual Abuse Claim against the Archdiocese, or if a minor, then his parent or legal guardian.

TO BE VALID, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS DECEASED OR INCAPACITATED, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS A MINOR, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY.

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

PART 1: CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM (ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED GUIDELINES UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY CHECKING THE BOX AND SIGNING BELOW. ONLY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY WAIVE CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS PART 1.

- I do not want this Proof of Claim (along with any accompanying exhibits and attachments) to be kept confidential. Please verify this election by signing directly below.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

PART 3: NATURE OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE IN STATE OR FEDERAL COURT, YOU MAY ATTACH THE COMPLAINT. IF YOU DID NOT FILE A LAWSUIT, OR IF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

- a. Who committed the acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct?

When I was a child Fr. Sabine Griego sexually abused me, while empowered and protected by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, acting as their agent.

- b. What is the position, title or relationship to you (if known) of the abuser or individual who committed these acts?

Fr. Griego was the parish priest. I was raised Catholic and attended Our Lady of Sorrows Church and School, and I went to Catechism with the other Catholic children. He was my priest. We all had to do whatever he said.

- c. Where did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place? Please be specific and complete all relevant information that you know, including the City and State, name of the School (if applicable) and/or the name of any other location.

He abused me at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Las Vegas New Mexico, in the church, the basement, and the office.

- d. When did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place?

1. If the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct took place over a period of time (months or years), please state when it started, when it stopped, and how many times it occurred.

There were over a dozen times I was abused in 1977 and 1978, all involving his penis, my hands, my face, my mouth.

2. Please also state your age(s) and your grade(s) in school (if applicable) at the time the abuse or other wrongful conduct took place.

It was from age 8 to age 9, and I was in 3rd and 4th grade. See attached photos of me receiving communion from Fr. Griego, and standing in front of him.

- e. What happened (describe what happened):

During catechism classes to prepare for our First Holy Communion, myself and others were physically abused by Fr. Griego several times, and I think the way I was sexually abused in that class, he did it to a few others as well. He would reach into my pants and fondle me.

Often from the front and from behind. Often hurting me by picking me up off the ground by putting his hand up between my legs. He also often opened his pants to show me his penis. He would forcefully grab my wrist to make me touch his penis. If I made a fist he would get angry and slam my hand on the table to make me open my hand and would make me stroke his erect penis. When I was sitting down he would stand next to me and open his pants. He would forcefully turn my head so he could rub his penis on my face and lips. He would force my mouth open by putting his finger in my mouth but I would start crying. He would get very angry! I often thought I saw him abusing other children the same way, but I would try to ignore what was happening, fearing I'd be next. When he got me alone, he'd take me to the office, or into the basement. He would masturbate in front of me and would grab a handful of hair to force me to watch him ejaculate. Or force his penis into my mouth. I couldn't cry or he'd be mad and smack me. It ended, once we stopped with the Catechism classes, and I stopped going to the Church, unless I was made to go to Mass and then I'd sit motionless and leave as soon as possible to avoid him, and I discovered alcohol soon after that.

- f. Did you tell anyone about the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct and, if so, who did you tell and when (this would include parents; relatives; friends; the Archdiocese; attorneys; counselors; and law enforcement authorities)?

I was afraid to say anything as a child to anyone. But I did try to tell my very religious mother and grandma, but they didn't believe me, so I never mentioned it to anyone again.

- g. Identify any church or religious organization you have belonged to or have been affiliated with.

I have only been a part of the Our Lady of Sorrows and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, back when I was a child. The abuse destroyed any interest in the church since then. I quit as soon as I could get away. It alienated me from my extended family to this day.

- h. State whether there were any witnesses to the abuse. If there were any witnesses, please list their name(s) and any contact information you have.

There were a few other children around while I was abused sometimes, and I was around when they were abused sometimes, also, in the class room. I don't remember any kid in particular. Most of the time, he got me alone.

PART 4: IMPACT OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

(If you are uncertain how to respond to this Part 4, you may leave this Part 4 blank, but you will be required to complete this Part 4 within thirty (30) days after a written request is made for the information requested in this Part 4)

1. What injuries (including physical, mental and/or emotional) have occurred to you because of the act or acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct that resulted in the claim (for example, the effect on your education, employment, personal relationships, health, and any physical injuries)?

Physically, I was groped aggressively which hurt my private parts. I was slapped several times, he slammed my hand on the table and pulled my hair. Mentally, I'm still struggling whenever I think about it, or even if I don't think about it, I've been depressed and alone and full of anxiety, and even suicidal, long after my childhood. Especially now, after learning that Father Griego is still alive and is now being arrested and prosecuted, I'm anxious, but want to testify and point at him and say what he did to me. At the time of the abuse when I was a little kid, I got very quiet and depressed. My mom worried because she didn't know why I was always crying and wouldn't go anywhere. I didn't want to go to school or to any other places. I wouldn't go out and play with friends because I was afraid they knew what was happening, and I couldn't face anyone. Were some of them in the same Catechism class? I found my uncle's liquor and I started drinking whiskey at 9 and 10 years old, once in a while, or to be less anxiety bound. I grew up without a father and my mom worked graveyard. I think Fr. Griego knew I was vulnerable, and from confessions by my mom, maybe something about me. I don't know. My grandma was always cooking, cleaning and taking care of the family so no one noticed me drinking whiskey out of a squeeze-lemon bottle. I missed a lot of school and my grades turned very bad. For 7 or 8 years after I made my Holy Communion, I had suicidal thoughts but didn't know how to do it. I also didn't want to hurt my mom and leave her alone. It wasn't until sophomore year of High School that I started to build any self-confidence, but even that was alcohol aided. To this day I'm an alcoholic, with severe depression bouts. I've been on anti-depression drugs since 2001. The violent and traumatic sexual abuse by God on earth, not believed by my own mom and grandma, got me addicted to alcohol as a school child, left me uneducated, and made into a life long loser, at an early age, which became part of me, I guess.

I've never been able to be in a relationship. The closest I got was with one woman I lived with a short while, and we had our son. So I live alone. I'm cautious of anyone trying to get close to me. I feel my experience with Griego totally ruined my life and relationships with all family members. They are all Catholic and none of them ever talk to me because I'm against their precious church. I've never told them what Griego did to me. I guess they weren't abused.

When my son was born in 91, everything was good between his mom and me, for a little while. But when it came time for him to start Catechism and prepare for First Communion, I remembered I had always been thinking to myself that if I ever had kids I would NOT make them go to any church, and NO catechism. So I drew the line. My kids cannot do that, period. Well, that started an ugly relationship with everyone. Both her parents and my mom were against me, saying my son would be raised Catholic and Christian. I said NO, NO religion! Well I put a stop to that at the time, but now I'm the bad guy to this day. My son and I are close, and he lives in Albuquerque, and we talk all the time, but I haven't told him any details about being abused as child by a priest. He accepts me as I am. But I still have nothing to do with his mom, all her relatives, and all of my relatives, because I would not allow my son to go to First Holy Communion. All of this because of Griego. Ever since I saw him in the news last month getting arrested, I instantly thought about the bad, nasty things the priest did to me. I'm shocked he is still alive and that no kids grew up and killed him. Since his arrest, I've been drinking more and having nightmares that weren't there before. I can't believe he's been abusing children all this time. The other priests and nuns

had to have known what he was doing and they did nothing. I cant believe the Parish and the Bishop let him be a priest for years after he was that way at OLS.

2. Have you sought counseling or other treatment for your injuries? If so, with whom and when?

I have not had counseling or treatment for the abuse but am right now looking to see someone about all that happened, because I have to sleep better. Also, I want to be able to testify for the Attorney General's office if they need witnesses, and want to be able to say what happened without breaking down into the broken quiet kid I was in grade school and middle school.

PART 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Prior Claims: Have you filed any claims in any other bankruptcy case relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim.

Yes No (If "Yes," you are required to attach a copy of any completed claim form.)

If "Yes," which case(s):

2. Settlements: Regardless of whether a complaint was ever filed against any party because of the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct, have you settled any claim relating to the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct described in this claim?

Yes No (If "Yes," please describe, including parties to the settlement. You are required to attach a copy of any settlement agreement.)

3. Bankruptcy. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes No (If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name of Case: _____ Court: _____

Date filed: _____ Case No. _____

Chapter: 7 11 12 13 Name of Trustee: _____

4. State whether you have previously commenced any lawsuit seeking damages for the identified sexual abuse. If yes, please state: NO

a. Where and when you commenced the lawsuit:

b. The parties to the lawsuit:

c. The case number if any:

d. The result of the lawsuit:

Sign and print your name. If you are signing the claim on behalf of another person or an estate, print your title.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Date: 4.19.19

Signature: _____

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Relationship to Sexual Abuse Claimant: None



